

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Department of the Army (DA) Whole Barracks Renewal Program

1. Purpose. To provide information on the DA Whole Barracks Renewal Program to District Commanders.
2. Facts. A Tri-Service barracks survey was conducted in the spring of 1992 that resulted in numerous recommendations for enhancing barracks and the quality of life for all enlisted personnel. On 9 June 1992, these recommendations were presented to an all-service General Officer/Senior NCO committee. Seven key issues were addressed 1) provide a larger room with a maximum of two people per room, 2) increase storage space, both in the room and in bulk storage, 3) provide private baths for each room, 4) provide private rooms for E-4's and above, 5) provide common use kitchens, 6) expand/improve laundry facilities and 7) increase the allowable parking.
 - a. As a result of the Tri-Service Barracks survey, GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff, Army (CSA) in July 1992 approved implementation of new Army barracks design standards for both new construction and modernization projects beginning with the FY 94 MCA and the BRAC programs. The new standards include: 11 net square meters (m²) of living/sleeping area for grades E-1 through E-4 and 22 net m² of living/sleeping area for grades E-5 through E-9; a private bath and two 2 m² walk-in closets per module; additional bulk storage; improved laundry facilities; temperature controls, two telephone jacks, and two cable TV jacks in each room; a consolidated core area (Soldiers' Community Building) to provide amenities such as TV/day rooms, barracks manager office, mail room, and a kitchen; and increased parking. Additionally, command and control activities have been removed from the barracks.
 - b. In August 1993, the CSA said "One of our visions for achieving Army Communities of Excellence is to provide quality living conditions for all soldiers. We must look at our barracks as communities for our single soldiers and provide them with the best facilities possible." The Whole Barracks Renewal Program is a holistic approach to provide our single soldiers with community living areas, where barracks are the foundation of a contiguous area that includes adequate supporting facilities such as landscaping, parking, recreation areas, consolidated dining facilities, etc.
 - c. Under the Department of the Army (DA) Facilities Standardization Program, a revised DA Standard Design Package for Barracks was approved on 6 January 1994 by the DA Facilities Standardization Committee. The package is based on the CSA new design standards and his vision for Army Communities of Excellence to include separate sleeping/living rooms for each soldier and a service area containing amenities such as kitchen counter top, sink, and storage cabinets. The package was implemented for all barracks projects beginning with the FY

96 program.

3. This information paper has been approved by BG Phillip Anderson, Director of Military Programs.

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